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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE: LASER ABLATION OF WAVEGUIDE STRUCTURES

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The Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed herewith under 35 USC 371.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-21 from the PCT application as published as well as claims 1-21 from the claims attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report and substitute the clean version of claims 1-21 as attached to the substitute specification. A marked version of claim pages 10-11 from the International Preliminary Examination Report is also attached herewith indicating the changes made therein.

**REMARKS**

The aforesaid claims are based on the claims as filed in response to the Written Opinion in the PCT international application, with amendments to place the same in better condition for examination under U.S. rules of practice.

A substitute specification is enclosed and is based on the following materials:

- Page 1 as filed in the PCT international application
- Pages 2-3 as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report
- Pages 4-9 as filed in the PCT international application
- Pages 10-11 of the amended claims as referenced above

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